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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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Gene Jaronczyk  
Property Manager  
CBRE as contractor for  
US General Service Administration  
Robert Roe Federal Building  
200 Federal Plaza  
Paterson, NJ 07505

Dear Mr. Jaronczyk,

Please allow me to express strong support for City Green's request to hold a Youth Run Farm Stand outside the Robert Roe Federal Building in Paterson, NJ.

From the view of my district office, I see residents and visitors making their ways around downtown Paterson. The Robert Roe building fits dynamically in this daily bustle by providing a green space with its lush grass and shady trees. Passers-by engage in pleasant conversations, while others rest and escape the day's stresses. It's exciting to imagine the scene of local enterprise there through a farmstand, inviting fun and progress into this space and into the surrounding community.

City Green has been well-received as it operated youth-run farm stands in downtown Paterson for the past five years. They were twice awarded by the USDA for success in Farmers' Market Promotions and Healthy Food Incentives and collaborate in the government's battle against childhood obesity. Their mission is to increase access to affordable, locally-grown, nutritious produce. Additionally, they realize these goals by developing the workmanship of young people, an essential investment in the city's sustainable and successful future.

Furthermore, the market promises mutual benefits to both market operators and building managers. When tenants engage in community events, they boost productivity and strengthen their ties to the city in which they work. Paterson's successes as a community will boost the value and prestige of the property and draw positive attention to the area. I trust this initiative will bring community pride, local business stimulation, and safe, cooperative use of federal space.

I urge you to give full consideration to the request from City Green and to accommodate this request to the greatest extent possible within applicable rules and guidelines. While I recognize and acknowledge that this market requires considerable effort, it is undeniable that the City of Paterson will benefit greatly from this vibrant opportunity. Please contact my office with any questions or concerns.

Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Pascrell, Jr." The signature is stylized with a large, looping "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

Bill Pascrell, Jr.  
Member of Congress